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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT 1962 CONSERVATION SERVICE AWARDS ANNOUNCED

A former United States Senator, a former governor, a citizen member of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, two other leading conservationists, and two private corporations have been selected to receive the 1962 Conservation Service Awards of the Department of the Interior, Secretary Stewart L. Udall announced today.

The awards, presented today in the Department's auditorium in Washington, D. C., are made annually to private citizens and organizations for outstanding achievement in furthering the objectives of natural resource conservation programs.

Honored for impressive contributions in the field of conservation were: Honorable Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, who served in the Senate for 25 years; Honorable Percival P. Baxter, former governor of Maine; Joseph W. Penfold, ORRRC member and conservation director of the Izaak Walton League; Don G. Fredericksen, Gooding, Idaho; M. D. Bryant, San Angelo, Texas; Smith Research and Development Corporation, Lewes, Delaware; and the Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Secretary Udall also presented a special plaque to Laurance S. Rockefeller, chairman of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, for his continuing outstanding contributions to conservation. Mr. Rockefeller received the Department's Conservation Service Award in 1956.

In his citation to Senator O'Mahoney, Secretary Udall said, "Throughout the years your initiative, ability, and foresight have attained tremendous legislative results in the varied conservation programs. We are extremely proud of the leading role which you have assumed in this field. You have worked tirelessly and successfully for conservation of natural resources, and a grateful Nation will long share in the benefits of your profound interest."

Secretary Udall, in his award to Governor Baxter, said, "During your more than 50 years of dedicated service to the cause of conservation, you fought what seemed to be insurmountable opposition to your crusade which made available nearly 200,000 acres of unsurpassed wilderness scenery to the people of Maine. With your own funds you purchased, bit by bit, the land around Mt. Katahdin which today is Baxter State Park, so appropriately named after you."

Secretary Udall hailed the conservation contributions of Mr. Penfold "in protecting the public lands, preserving shorelines, advocating true multiple-purpose water development, helping to build a Federal water-pollution control program, and serving as a member of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission. The Nation is the beneficiary of your efforts, and this award is a modest measure of our appreciation."

In reviewing the achievement of Mr. Fredericksen, Secretary Udall said, "Your outstanding leadership since 1935 has played a significant role in obtaining support and cooperation in range conservation and rehabilitation programs. Your accomplishments have greatly facilitated the proper use and management of the Nation's rangelands and resources."

Mr. Bryant was honored by Secretary Udall for his "significant contribution toward development of the Nation's natural resources. In the development of the Three-Rivers Project, it is my understanding that you were the unselfish catalyst in getting the project underway. It is doubtful that the project would have become a reality without your efforts."

Secretary Udall told Mr. Otis Smith, President of the Smith Research and Development Corporation, that his company "has rendered distinguished service in the cause of conservation. For a number of years, the Corporation has striven to preserve the inshore environment which is essential to preserve some of the most valuable of our Atlantic fish and wildlife species. In 1961, you made available to the Department your scientific research vessel, the <u>Cape May</u>, and assumed all maintenance and operating cost, making possible the first systematic hydrographic survey of the continental shelf along the coast of New Jersey."

In presenting a Conservation Service Award to Paul Endacott, Vice-chairman of the Board of Phillips Petroleum Company, Secretary Udall said, "The Company, through its continuing public programs, is rendering significant service to the cause of conservation. Of particular importance, is your participation in the helium-conservation program, in soil and water conservation, and in Phillips' educational program directed to school children regarding the Nation's national parks and historic treasures. These effective endeavors represent a pattern for responsible corporate citizenship worthy of emulation."

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